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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

With regard to the 11-65 proceeding regarding AT&T's application to merge with T-Mobile, I would like to add these comments in support of the merger. I live and work in a rural section of Maryland and believe one of the best ways to improve economic development will be to bring the latest broadband technology to areas like ours. Devices that enable mobile communications and the networks which carry them are changing fast. For small businesses in our area to compete, they need access to the latest technology.

AT&T's commitment to expanded infrastructure investment in small towns and rural regions means existing companies can take advantage of the latest tools to improve performance. It also means new ventures can be launched to accommodate the changing technology. After all, app producers can live anywhere, so why not live here?

Better technology supports business but it also improves the lives of citizens. New technology, like AT&T's 4G LTE, makes it easier for elderly patients in rural areas to connect with doctors, clinics and hospitals anywhere. Faster broadband speeds and advanced video streaming capabilities open new opportunities for online learning and employment research. Technology is expensive, but this merger should increase competition within the wireless industry and that is good for customers. Whenever market forces push demand, companies respond with new innovations and better service. That's important not just for regions like ours, but for our neighbors in big cities across this country.

AT&T should be allowed to merge with T-Mobile. The benefits of this deal will be far reaching and long lasting.

Sincerely,



Stephen Meehan

CC:

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker